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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 3, 2002, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks.

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In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7, 12-13, 17-26, 31, 33-40, 43, and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 32 as follows.

12-32. (Amended) A method for feeding a liquid bone cement component into a mixing vessel maintained under vacuum for the preparation of bone cement wherein said mixing vessel is provided with a predetermined amount of a powder component of said cement, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a mixing vessel defined by a cylindrical container having an open interior with a spout attached to one end of said container, and having an axially displaceable bottom;